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TO AMEMBASSY ASUNCION IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS- ASUNCION FOR AMBASSADOR, BRASILIA FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PGOV, BR, PA

SUBJECT: GOP REACTION TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO FOREIGN
MINISTER SILVEIRA

REF: (A) ASUNCION 3278; (B) STATE 168495; (C) STATE179433

1. THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO SILVEIRA WAS TO SIGNAL TO THE GOB OUR AWARENESS OF THE PRESSURE BRAZIL WAS EXERTING ON PARAGUAY NOT TO PERMIT THE IAHRC INSPECTION VISIT. WHILE THERE WAS NO REALISTIC EXPECTATION THAT GOB WOULD REVERSE COURSE, IT WAS HOPED THAT, AT A MINIMUM, WE WOULD DISCOURAGE FUTURE BRAZILIAN ACTIONS ALONG THIS LINE. AS YOU KNOW, OUR ORIGINAL THINKING WAS TO FORMULATE THE LETTER AS A MORE EXPLICIT SLAP ON THE BRAZILIAN WRIST FOR INTIMIDATING PARAGUAY AT THE SAME TIME SILVEIRA WAS PROFESSING TO THE SECRETARY IN GRENADA HIS SUPPORT FOR THE IAHRC IN ITS PRESENT ROLE. AFTER FULL
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CONSIDERATION HERE, THE HARDLINE APPROACH WAS CHANGED TO THE TACTIC REPRESENTED BY THE TEXT IN REFTEL B).

2. YOU SHOULD FIND A CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE SUBJECT AGAIN WITH PAPPALARDO AND TELL HIM THAT THE SECRETARY'S LETTER WAS CONCEIVED AND SENT TO SILVEIRA AFTER

WE WERE ADVISED BY HIGH PARAGUAYAN OFFICIALS THAT THE GOB HAD BROUGHT STRONG PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE GOP NOT TO PERMIT THE IAHC. THE LETTER WAS THUS A GESTURE BY US TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE AND DEMONSTRATE TO BRAZIL OUR CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THE IAHC.

3. AS TO THE MODALITIES, YOU MIGHT FIND IT USEFUL TO ADD THAT IT WAS THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR WHO PRODUCED THE COLORFUL SUGGESTION THAT PARAGUAY MIGHT BE CONSIDERED A "SLAVE COLONY OF BRAZIL." THIS CONCEPT IS IN NO WAY REFLECTED IN THE WORDING OF THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO SILVEIRA, WHICH CITES ONLY THE RECOGNIZED CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBOR COUNTRIES AND OUR HOPE THAT IN THE FRANK EXCHANGES BETWEEN THEM, BRAZIL WOULD INDICATE ITS SUPPORT FOR COOPERATION WITH THE IAHC. SUCH APPROACHES TO THIRD COUNTRIES ON ISSUES WHICH HAVE MULTINATIONAL IMPLICATIONS (SUCH AS THE ROLE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF AN INTER-AMERICAN ORGANISM), ARE CUSTOMARY DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE. EVEN WITHOUT THE BACKDROP OF KNOWN BRAZILIAN PRESSURES AGAINST WHICH OUR APPROACH TO SILVEIRA WAS MADE, IT SHOULD BE CLEAR TO THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT THAT WE CONTINUE TO DEAL OPENLY AND DIRECTLY WITH PARAGUAY AS A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY, BUT ONE WHOSE ACTIONS ON THE IAHC ISSUE HAVE AN EFFECT BOTH ON A REGIONAL INSTITUTION AND ON THE STATE OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES.

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4. FOR YOUR FURTHER BACKGROUND SILVEIRA'S "WE NEVER MEDDLE" RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S LETTER IS BEING REPEATED TO YOU IN REFTEL (C). VANCE

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